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Serial No: 08/935,116
Filed: September 22, 1997
Group: 2781
Inventor: David W. Deaton, et al.
For: CHECK TRANSACTION PROCESSING
METHOD AND SYSTEM

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PTO-1449 & CITED REFERENCES AA-ADN**

Our check in the amount of \$ ~~180.00~~ is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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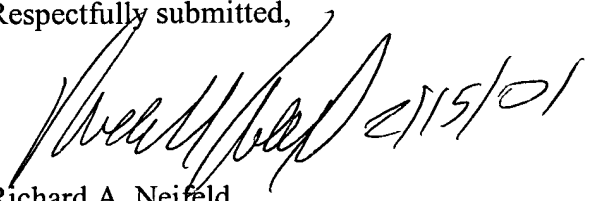
The examiner should note that the large number of references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith are references that were either filed as exhibits in or identified in prior art searches relating to the 10 interferences captioned Deaton v. O'Brien with which applications to which this application claims priority were involved. Those interferences terminated as result of purchase by the assignee of the O'Brien application of all of the involved Deaton applications and patents, which assignee is Catalina Marketing International, Inc., the owner of this application, and by the subsequent priority election of this assignee of the party Deaton in each of those interferences.

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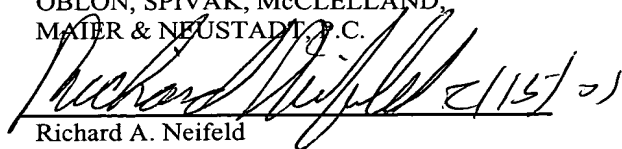
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